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Converted Countenances

Countenances betray thoughts. A countenance is something like a barometer, which falls when a storm is brewing or the needle on a steam gauge, which shows when the pressure is up; or the pointers on the speedometers of some modern cars, which take on a reddish glow when the danger point is being approached. Much is said about the countenances in Scripture. When Cain was angry with Abel, "his countenance fell." Jacob saw that it was time to move when he "beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before" (Gen. 31:2). The way began to open for Nehemiah to go to Jerusalem when the king noticed his face and said, "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart" (Neh. 2:2). The self-discipline of Daniel and his three friends and the strict diet to which they held themselves soon showed physically in their faces, for "at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." After Hannah had poured out her heart to God in prayer, and had corrected Eli's understanding of her condition, then she could eat, "and her countenance was no more sad" (1 Sam. 1:18). Someone has said that the eyes are "the windows of the soul." Eyes are indexes of fear, anger, pain, pleasure, and many other emotions. It is not possible, necessary, or right always to hide all our feelings; and in this life we cannot escape great variations in our feelings. But there ought to be real differences between worldly and Christian countenances. Look at the faces in a bus, a railroad car, or a restaurant, and what is written on them? Depression, discouragement, resentment, anxiety, and lust, with only here and there a pleasant, peaceful face; and the corners of most mouths are down. Now a Christian will have disappointment, sorrow, anguish of mind, and physical and mental suffering. But the injurious effect of these on his nervous system, and the telltale evidence on his countenance will be greatly reduced in proportion as he casts his burdens on the Lord, looks unto Him, and allows His peace to rule in his heart. In the midst of trouble Stephen's face was "as it had been the face of an angel" (Acts 6:15). Psalm 34:5 in the American Standard Version (not the Revised Standard Version) reads, "They looked unto him, and were radiant." Moses prayed, "The Lord lift up this countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." David urged his own soul to hope in God, and said, "For I shall not praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (Psa. 43:5).

COVER PICTURE: Spring—the season of youth—makes every heart feel younger and happier. The presence of the Lord Jesus Christ puts eternal springtime in the heart. With Him life is always blossoming into new and wonderful blessings.



Worship

By A. V. BEAUBE

Psalm 95:6, "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker," Psalm 103:1-5, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 116:1-4, 8, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplication. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling."

WORSHIP—"to hold in or treat with honor or respect; to render religious reverence and homage to; to pay divine honors to; to feel an adoring reverence or regard for." In the light of the above scriptures and definition of the word "worship," I wish to say a few things that may help the readers to know more how to worship and appreciate the privilege of worshiping our Lord. The psalmist had had an experience that caused him to need God's grace and love, and when he called on the Lord, he found that God loved and helped him, so, from his heart came a spontaneous burst of praises in real worship.

Man is so constructed that he worships something.

Genesis 8:20, "And Noah built an altar unto the Lord." When God had preserved Noah and his family by letting him build an ark and stay in it until the flood was over, he did not have to be told to worship, but immediately built an altar and worshiped God.

When God called Abraham from his home to go into the country that He would show him, and Abraham was safe there with his people, "there builded he an altar to the Lord who appeared unto him," Genesis 12:7. When Jacob had been away from home for many years and was returning home with his wives and children, and God had given him favor with his brother, we are told that he "erected an altar"; and when he was dying, he blessed both the sons of Joseph and worshiped, leaning upon his staff.

There was a good old man who lived in the time when Jesus was born, and God had let them know that he would not die until he had seen the Lord. When the child was brought to Jerusalem, and Simeon saw Him, he blessed God and told Him that he was ready to die, because he had seen the Lord. Luke 2:25-30.

HOW SHOULD WE WORSHIP? Some worship in vain. Matthew 15:8, 9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men."

Matthew 5:23, "Therefore if thou bring thy gift before the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."

We see by the above that God would have us worship with a pure, clean heart. Psalm 66:18, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

Acts 17:23. When Paul came through Athens on one occasion, he found some who worshiped all kinds of IDOL GODS. They had also heard of the great God of heaven and had erected an altar to Him, also. (Some people worship ignorantly in this enlightened day of ours.) These people were trying to worship the God of heaven whom they did not know. Is that any worse than sinners trying to worship in the churches of today?

John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Psalm 29:2, "Give unto the Lord the GLORY DUE UNTO HIS NAME; worship the Lord IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS."

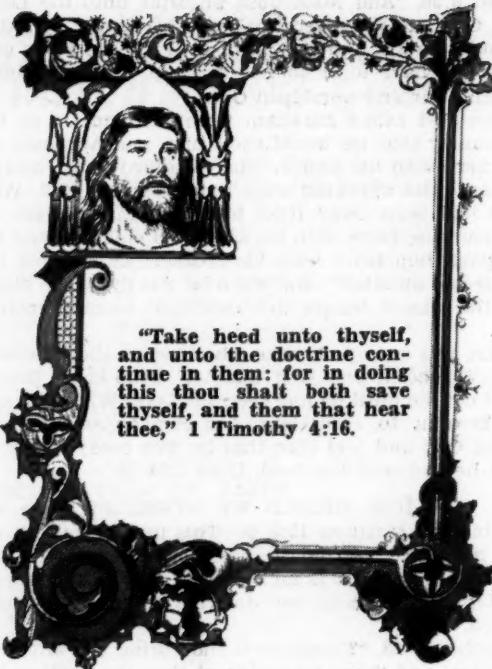
WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Luke 1:18, "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue and stood up for to read."

Malachi 4:16, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

Matthew 21:13, "My house shall be called an house of prayer."

So much could be said on this great subject. The Bible is full of such passages as those to which we have referred. Oh, that men would worship the Lord! Come,

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"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," 1 Timothy 4:16.

This message was delivered by Earl P. Paulk in the Kannapolis District Convention.

Acts 20:25-32, "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

SOUND DOCTRINE is the truth of God, the whole truth, in its entirety. This is why the apostle Paul said he was "pure from the blood of all men, FOR I HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE UNTO YOU ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD (TRUTH OF GOD)." A part of the truth of God is not sufficient. Just a half truth is misleading and often very detrimental. For example, one could take only part of Matthew 27:5, where it says, "and went and hanged himself" then take part of Luke 3:11, which says, "do likewise," and without considering these verses in their entirety, once could say that the Bible said to hang yourself. But, the fact is, Matthew is telling of Judas going to hang himself. In Luke 3:11 Christ is declaring, "He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none, and he that hath meat let him DO LIKEWISE." We can see that the whole truth makes altogether a different picture.

I am conscious of the fact that there are many who do not like sound doctrine, or any doctrine. But, the fact remains that the Bible teaches SOUND DOCTRINE. Titus 2:1, "Speak thou the things which become SOUND DOCTRINE." The apostle Paul states in 2 Timothy 4:3, "For

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the time will come when they will not ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE." He also states in 1 Timothy 1:10, "If there be any other thing that is CONTRARY TO SOUND DOCTRINE." He emphatically states in 2 Timothy 3:16 that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE. This word *all* includes the entire Bible, from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation. Paul lets us know that all are to be SAVED THROUGH SOUND DOCTRINE. 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto THE DOCTRINE; continue in them: FOR IN SO DOING THIS THOU SHALT BOTH SAVE THYSELF, AND THEM THAT HEAR THEE." It is obvious that there are other doctrines besides sound doctrine. The writer of Hebrews, whom we believe to be the apostle Paul, says, in 13:9, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the HEART BE ESTABLISHED WITH GRACE." This being true, we certainly need to KNOW SOUND DOCTRINE. He added to his admonition, in Romans 16:17, "NOW I BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISION AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED, AND AVOID THEM." Sound doctrine is only for those who are willing to walk in the light and to grow up in all of the truth. Isaiah 28:9, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast." Some have said that our Lord did not teach or preach doctrine, but we find Him saying, in St. John 7:18, "MY DOCTRINE is not mine, but his that sent me." He continues by saying, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the DOCTRINE, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." He wanted them to understand clearly that He had someone in support of Him. He was not an independent one, but He had a higher authority than Himself, and that HIS DOCTRINE came from God His Father. I am thoroughly convinced that people who do not want sound doctrine are simply trying to shun part of the truth of God. The reason they do not like sound doctrine and government is that they want to do as they please and not give an account to anyone. The Bible clearly states, in Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls."

THE TEXT ANALYZED

THEREFORE WATCH and remember." What does the word "therefore" mean? "Therefore" means because of previous admonition given. For that reason he said to watch. The word "watch" means to stay awake; be on the lookout; be on the guard. The word "remember" means to bring to mind past experiences. Now what had Paul said or uttered for which he wanted them to be on the lookout? He said that he wanted them to take heed unto themselves and "to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made thee overseer to feed the Church of God." He said, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM." Then he uttered this text, "THEREFORE WATCH AND REMEMBER."

Some might wonder if it is necessary to repeat this warning today. Is there any cause for such? The same man has this to say in 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing

DOCTRINE

In these days of apostasy, heresy, and error, there is an urgent need for Christians to preach, teach, and believe SOUND DOCTRINE.

spirits, and doctrines of devils." Paul also states, in 2 Timothy 3:13, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Watch out! Therefore, I give you the understanding that even in the very last days some will depart FROM FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE." This is one of the SIGNS OF THE RETURN OF OUR LORD. Many times these false prophets and teachers will do great signs and wonders in order to entice, detract, or delude the people in order to get a following. The Apostle said in 2 Corinthians 11:14, 15, "And no marvel for SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT." Therefore, it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS ALSO BE TRANSFORMED AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their works." We see that we are not to marvel or wonder at SATAN HIMSELF, if he is transformed into an angel of light and his MINISTERS OR PREACHERS as ministers of righteousness.

But, some will say can they actually do or produce signs and wonders? When the disciples asked our Lord, in Matthew 24:3, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world?" He answered their question in the 24th verse, "For there shall arise false christs, and false prophets, and shall SHEW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS; insomuch that, if it were possible, THEY SHALL DECEIVE THE VERY ELECT. According to this scripture, they will be able to show great signs and wonders. Our Lord warns us that they are to deceive the very elect if possible. Revelation 13:13 speaks about the anti-christ that HE DOETH SUCH GREAT WONDERS THAT HE MAKETH FIRE TO COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN IN THE SIGHT OF MEN. The 14th verse tells us that by the means of THOSE MIRACLES WHICH HE HATH POWER TO DO HE WILL DECEIVE THE PEOPLE.

I CAN NEVER forget when I visited Father Divine's so-called heaven in New York. I heard the people get up and testify that they had been healed of blindness, cancer, and T. B., and the lame had been made to walk. All manner of diseases were healed and many miracles and wonders were performed. They testified that this colored man whom they claimed to be God had healed them. Now how can we give an account of this?

We remember in the account of Job, whom the Bible proclaimed to be a perfect man, that Satan said if God would permit him to touch him, he would curse Him to His face. We find in Job 2:7, "So went Satan from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." Satan had the power to afflict Job, and it is only reasonable to understand that he would also have the power to take away the affliction. I, therefore, believe that Satan has the power to remove from people afflictions with which he has been tormenting them, in order THAT IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT HIS SERVANTS ARE THE SERVANTS (ministers) OF GOD, THAT IN THE END HE MIGHT DECEIVE SOME. I have no right to say that those people had not been delivered. They affirmed that they had been healed. This one thing I do know, those people who were worshiping this man as God were doing so CONTRARY TO SOUND DOCTRINE. The admonition of the apostle Paul is to mark them that cause division contrary to the doctrine which you HAVE LEARNED, AND AVOID THEM. Paul, therefore, told the people to watch and remember, that they be not moved or carried away from their profession and experience of sanctification, holiness, and Pentecost.



He said in his sermon to the elders of the church at Ephesus, after he had solemnly warned them of the coming of false prophets and that some would even rise up from among the congregation speaking perverse (changing) things to draw away disciples after them, "I command you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among THEM WHICH ARE SANCTIFIED." For one to be sanctified, one must be holy. The words "sanctify" and "holy" are often synonymous. Leviticus 11:44, "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy: for I am holy." We see here that the Lord wanted the people to sanctify themselves that they might be holy. Paul refers to the Christians of that day as sanctified Church of God people. 1 Corinthians 1:2, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." He did not want these people to let anyone carry them away from this experience and DOCTRINE OF HOLINESS.

Why would anyone be ashamed to make a profession of holiness? The Bible says that God is holy, Leviticus 11:44; Jesus is holy, Acts 4:27; 1 Peter 1:16; the Holy Ghost is holy, Acts 5:32; heaven is holy, Psalm 20:6; the angels are holy, Revelation 14:10. God sits upon a throne of holiness, Psalm 47:8. We are told to worship God in the beauty of holiness, Psalm 29:2. All whom God calls He calls to holiness, 2 Thessalonians 4:7. God swore that His people would serve Him in holiness, Luke 1:73, 75. No one but holy people will be in the first resurrection, Revelation 20:6. The Bible was written to holy people, 1 Thessalonians 5:27. Without holiness no man shall see God, Hebrews 12:14. THIS IS SOUND DOCTRINE BECAUSE IT IS THE WORD OF GOD.

PENTECOST

PAUL WARNED those people not to be led astray from that which they had been taught, and to avoid them that would try to draw them away from the Pentecostal experience. They had actually received the experience. Acts 19 tells us about Paul's going down to Ephesus and finding certain disciples to whom he said, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They said, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." He, therefore, proceeded to tell them about this experience. Verse 6 tells us how that they received the baptism with the HOLY GHOST AND SPOKE WITH TONGUES AND PROPHESIED. Now, he tells them on this occasion, "Do not let anyone deceive you and lead you away from your experience of holiness, with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues." There are those who set themselves up as true teachers that are fighting the experience of the baptism with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. But the last that the apostle Paul had to say about tongues is recorded in 1 Corinthians (Continued on page 10)

Entire Sanctification

BY L. L. TURNER

OD SAID in Genesis 1:26, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." So God and His Son Jesus made man in their image—an imitation of both the Father and the Son; after their likeness, similarity, portrait. God is holy, and Christ is holy, and He said for us to be holy as He is holy, and be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect. But man transgressed the law of God and fell from the state of holiness and perfection. When God came and called for Adam, he was hiding himself, trying to cover his shame with a fig-leaf apron. "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said . . . Hast thou eaten of the tree that I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Cherubin are mentioned at the expulsion of our first parents from Eden, when their office was to keep the way of the tree of life, to render it impossible for man to return to paradise and eat of the tree of life and of knowledge. These were planted by God in the garden, the one to train man's spirit through the exercise of obedience to the Word of God, the other to transform his earthly nature into the spiritual essence of eternal life.

After the expulsion of man by the cherubim and placing of the flaming sword to keep the transgressors out, the prophets began to look forward to a regaining of their loss. Isaiah saw the cross with the perfect Sacrifice, Christ, and he said, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein . . . but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy."

Zechariah said, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

Hebrews 2:11, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."

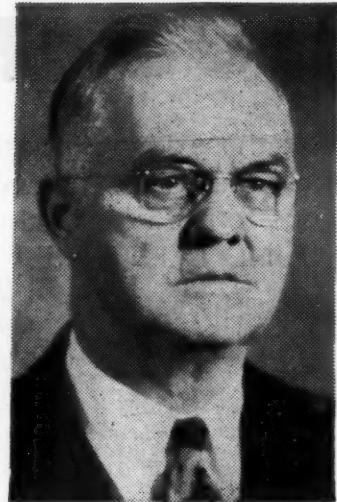
"Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called."

We notice that Jude was writing to "them that are sanctified," not the fellow that claimed to be, but the fellow that was preserved; not the fellow that the preacher said was sanctified, but to them that are.

1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

James 1:3, 4, "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and ENTIRE (complete in all parts, whole), wanting nothing."

FATHER



2 Timothy 3:16, in Paul's letter to Timothy, he tells him that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

The mediatorial work of Christ lays special emphasis upon the power of the blood of Jesus. By His death, Jesus stepped between God and the whole human family, to establish terms of permanent peace for all who will accept it.

Paul, in speaking to the Galatians, said, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (doomed to destruction)."

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

It looks as though there is a permissive as well as a permanent will. We are admonished by Paul to not "render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. Rejoice evermore. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy . . . Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you WHOLLY (entirely, exclusively); and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

1 Corinthians 1:30, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

1 Thessalonians 4:1, "Furthermore then we beseech

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Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace

BY L. LUTHER TURNER, JR.

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John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

PEACE, according to Webster, has three connataive definitions: freedom from civil disturbance or war; a pact or an agreement to end hostilities; and freedom from fear, agitating passion or moral conflict. Any Bible student with a normal knowledge of contemporaneous Biblical history of the times of the utterance of the text will immediately divorce the first two explanations as foreign to the point under discussion.

CHRIST GIVES MENTAL PEACE

Logical thinking would readily inform the mind that Christ was not implying physical peace when He said, ". . . my peace I give unto you." Let us follow the explanations through. First, freedom from civil disturbance or war. Political turmoil and civil unrest were characteristics of Christ's day. In order to have liberty and freedom from these disturbances, Thomas Jefferson has said, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." Modern interpretation of this means being prepared, equipped and ready for an all-out war. We should have an infantry of well-equipped and properly trained men, second to none. Maintain a two-ocean navy consisting of battle-wagons, cruisers, destroyers, and flat-tops. Hide the sun by filling the sky with the latest aeronautic triumph. That Christ never entertained this line of thinking is plainly evident—He never founded a navy or established an army.

Again, His peace was not a pact or an agreement to end hostilities. He well knew it was impossible to legislate peace with pen and ink. On the heels of Christ's ascension we have the ten major persecutions beginning with Nero in A.D. 67 and ending with Diocletian in A.D. 303. China gave up five pieces of her territory in six years seeking paper peace, but instead she will go down in history as being the bloodiest nation on the face of the earth. Christ was born and reared in governmental bedlam.

In spite of these existing facts, Christ was heralded to bring peace. In Genesis 49 we see an old man dying. His white hair, faded cheeks, emaciated flesh, and tired eyes reflect many years of hard travel. In the middle of his

last remarks to his sons gathered around his bed, with renewed vigor in limb and sparkling anticipation leaping into his eyes, Jacob, lost in thought, suddenly lifts himself up to a half-sitting position. Standing in the aisle of time, with the telescope of prophecy and the lens of inspiration, he yearningly cries, "I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord."

LUKE FONDLY DEPICTS the world-shaking yet beautiful story of Christ's nativity. A few simply clad but deep-thinking shepherds were tending their flocks by night. Suddenly the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

The angel brought good tidings of great joy to all people. A Saviour was to be born. This signal birth caused the heavenly host, with the angel, to chant that He would bring peace to earth and good will to all men. These proved to be prophetic and immortal words of undying luster.

The aged Simeon, led by the Spirit into the Temple, saw Joseph and Mary approaching and recognized Jesus. Instantly, he swept the Babe up into his arms and, with tears streaming down his wrinkled cheeks, he happily sobbed, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people." Jacob's salvation yearn was realized by Simeon. The heavenly host's peace and good will were tenderly embraced in Simeon's arms in the form of a newly born Babe.

The peace that Christ brought was freedom from fear, agitating and gnawing passion, moral conflict, the erosion of time, the invasion of death, and the tyranny of hell. We often think of the objects of the American and United Nations policy as proposed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his message to Congress on January 6, 1941: freedom of speech and expression, freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, freedom from want and freedom from fear. These are only partially realized and in a very limited manner, but Christ's peace originates in the heart and flows through the mind, mouth, and conscious activities to the world.

ALL THE COMBINED units of modern warfare cannot right the wrongs, cure the evils, nor restore mental equilibrium to our sin-shocked civilization. Ever since that muddy-footed papa devil slipped around in Adam and Eve's garden, the floodgates of hell have been opened, and principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places have been turned loose on the minds of men.

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Rev. L. L. Turner is one of the pioneer ministers of the Church of God and has an excellent record as pastor and preacher.

His son Luther, at a young age, has attained real prominence as evangelistic and camp-meeting preacher. An alumnus of Lee College and Vanderbilt University, he holds several important posts in the State of Ohio, in addition to serving as pastor of the Hamilton Church.

Man and missions

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BIBLE STUDENTS IN INDIA TAKE A MISSION TRIP

By Dora P. Myers, Superintendent of School

I asked one of our faculty members, Eliezer John, to write an account for me of a recent trip which he and some of our Bible students took. Following is his account of this trip:

"It is my special privilege as a member of the faculty of the Bible School to lead the students for week-end works and open air meetings. On several occasions God has worked through us wonderfully, and we could feel that God Himself is leading. I am narrating one of our experiences.

"On a certain evening we were conducting an open-air meeting in a street which is in the centre of a Christian community. One gentleman was much impressed with the meeting and immediately after beckoned me to his side and inquired about the school. After hearing about the school, he told me that he has his own bus service and, whenever we wanted to travel in the directions he goes, he could allow the group to go free of charge. One of our serious handicaps is that we lack proper conveyance. We welcomed this offer with great delight and decided to make use of it without delay, to visit some churches which were situated close to the eastern mountains. We had only Saturday and Sunday at our disposal.

Walked in the Rain

"It was three o'clock in the early morning of Saturday when we started our journey. We walked in the rain to the bus stand, which is two miles from our institution. At the scheduled hours the bus began its trip with a load of Bible School students and some other passengers. Darkness still covered the face of the earth, and the chill wind blew around us. Men were still rolling and tossing in their beds, but the enthusiastic young men who were very anxious to do something for the Lord began a song service in the bus. At first the fellow passengers felt it strange, but by and by they also became interested.

The Lord Was at the Wheel and the Power Fell

"We had to travel more than four hours to reach our destination. Most of the time we engaged ourselves in singing. Every now and then we shouted Bible verses. Everybody in that bus was happy because the Lord

Himself was present in the travelling group. After two hours I heard someone shouting, "Hallelujah," with all his might. At first I thought someone was ridiculing us. My eyes ran on everybody on the bus, but I failed to find the right person who was shouting the praises. Finally, I discovered it was none other than the driver himself. After a few minutes he was caught in the Spirit and began to talk in other tongues. The road was full of curves and turns. Some of the passengers were afraid their lives were in danger as the driver was shaking from head to foot and his hands were off the steering wheel. We feared nothing and were happy because we knew we were under the overshadowing power of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!

Students Began Personal Work

"About 9:30 a.m. we reached our destination, and from there we had to walk six miles to the church. Without losing any time, we began walking. On the way the students began to do personal work. It was nearly 11:30 when we reached the church. The local pastor was waiting for us. He told us of a new station which they had begun, and that it would be very encouraging for the people if we went there. The difficulty was that it meant we must walk another six or seven miles. Even though the students were tired, they willingly offered to go. After tak-

ing some refreshments, we started to the new station and arrived about 4 p.m. We were all "dog tired."

Wild Elephants a Hazard

"There we saw the signs of heavy rain so we hurried to do some house visiting. The only way of life of the local people is cultivation. When I saw their houses and mode of life, it helped me to have some idea about the primitive man's life. They are thrown to the dangers of nature and sometimes of wild elephants. In a believer's home they told us how the wild elephants come under cover of darkness and thrash their plantain (banana) and coconut trees. As they told us these stories we could see the tragedies of realities, even in the faces of the little children. If the privileged classes were only able to understand this!" I thought. We had not much time at our disposal. It was raining, and, worse than that, night was approaching. In another home the man told a story that left an indelible impression on my mind. He had become bankrupt, left his native town, and come to this forest with his wife and three little children to find shelter. He was another Robinson Crusoe, to my mind.

The Meeting Lasted Until Dawn

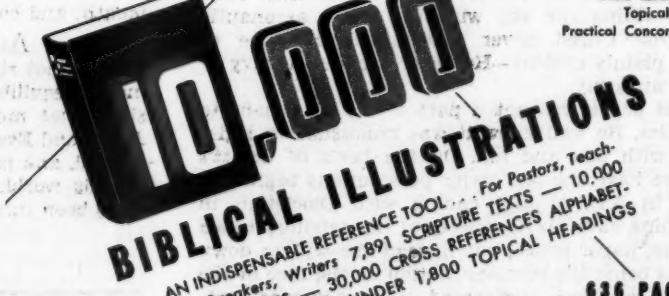
"In one of the homes of the believers we conducted a prayer meeting. An old man who had come to our fellowship from the Catholic Church testified that he was so happy to see this group of young men and that the meeting should last until dawn. There was no place for all of us, so we decided to go back to town after the meeting. I do not know how our legs carried us back to town. It was after midnight when we reached the station. Sunday morning we were in the service at the station.

"We returned from the trip tired but very happy that we had been able to carry the gospel to these underprivileged peoples."

As you can see by this article, our students are going on many trips to spread the gospel and are eager each week end to go in various directions.

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ANOTHER NEW DORMITORY COMPLETED IN INDIA



In the last issue of the Macedonian Call, January 24, page 11, you saw the boys' new dormitory in India. The one pictured above is a mate to it, which was recently finished and is for the girls. This will adequately house all that we can handle in our school here.

Speaking of School

The response for supporting a student had been very gratifying. If you are interested in supporting a student, it will cost \$6.00 a month for the en-

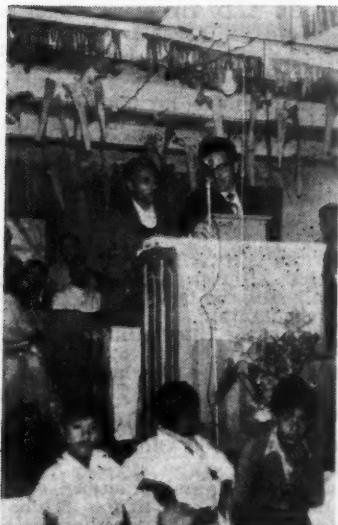
tire term. Write us if the Lord lays this on your heart.

I am sure we are all elated over the good work being done in India, and are very happy to see this fine girls' dormitory built at the cost of over \$1,000, constructed of Lathrite stone. The stone is cut out of about a second or third strata, regular hardpan.

I know you join with me in saying, "Praise God for His blessings."

SAVED FROM SIN'S VILE SNARE

By Thomas Pullin, Missionary Overseer, Guatemala



Guatemala: The man on the left with the white trousers is Jacobo Cano (James Gray). The other man on the

right is Jorge Giron, district pastor.

Last August we were in the midst of the Roman Catholic annual religious feast of Quiche.

We were having special services during this festivity. Our evangelist was Jaime Aldana, of the Calle Nueva Church of God, Guatemala City. Our local pastor there, Oscar Castillo, had installed the loud speaker, and the gospel message of the evangelist were being carried over the town in tremendous volume. Orders had come from the police department on other occasions to reduce the volume. The theater was not too far distant, and we had interference with their program because of the noise.

A knock was heard on the door that opens to the street. The person that knocked was a man of little stature. He was delighted to see us and spoke of how he had been listening to the messages at night while standing on the corner. He expressed his satisfaction in making my acquaintance and that he wanted to ask about his family with whom he knew I was acquainted. "Your brother-in-law will be passing through in a few days," I told him, "and then we will look you up." He came twice after that and testified in the services, seemingly with more liberty than he was accustomed to enjoying. A few days later, his brother-in-law came through here, and we contacted the anxious little man. He seemed somewhat nervous,

but at the same time his eyes sparkled and his face was aglow with the satisfaction of sins forgiven and his communion with his Saviour. The immediate family of our new acquaintance and brother were left in another department while he came here on business.

The good brother above mentioned, brother-in-law, a Church of God man, invited his relation to come and live with him on his little plantation back in the interior of this Quiche department. He accepted, and on the day appointed he was met by the good brother and escorted through his native home town on to the brother's home. They tell me now that he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and has had a greater measure of freedom and joy.

At a recent district conference in the same vicinity, our new acquaintance appeared and was attending the services. This was in his home town now. He asked the privilege to testify to the whole town, before the mike, as you will see him in the picture. This was some of his testimony: "In this same theater, where I am now standing before you people, I have taken part in many functions which were of a worldly nature. Most of you know me and my manner of living before, but now I want to tell you before this mike that I am a changed man. God has had mercy on me and saved my soul. I was chased out of Mexico after so many years of living there, and sent back across the border to my own country. I was a tough sort of a fellow. I met some gospel people up near the border, and there I accepted the Lord. God has forgiven my sin, and I am happy. I'm so glad."

In another service he got happy and walked on the benches, hugging the brethren as he came to them. Finally, he landed on the platform and hugged the ministers and workers there. He had never been in a meeting like it. He was about beside himself with ecstasy, and he had reason to be so.

James Gray had committed a crime in this same town when a young fellow had fled across the border to Mexico. This was more than 25 years ago. Now he was making his way back cautiously, his hair almost all grey and his face showing signs of age and of long strain and worry. His family, after they were converted, never ceased to pray for him, and their prayers have been answered.

James, in his younger days, was a football player. Two teams of the same district had been formed, and uniforms had been purchased, red and blue. The argument from the losing team and its captain led up to the fatal moment when, with drinking and insults, pistols were brought into display. The results were, James' best friend was killed and lay dead in the street. Hence his absence and stay in Mexico.

The gospel of the Lord Jesus surely reaches the vilest sinner and all races. We are glad, with James Gray, that he has been plucked as a brand from the burning and placed in the kingdom of light.

WORSHIP

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America, and let us "bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. What shall I render unto the Lord for all of his benefits? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows now unto the Lord in the presence of all his people. I will offer to the Lord the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord."

IN HEAVEN THEY WORSHIP. Isaiah got a little glimpse of what was going on there, and he said: "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is FULL OF HIS GLORY."

When John was on the Isle of Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ, he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and God pulled back the curtain and let him see a few of the things that will happen in heaven after the rapture. John said, "And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they were and are created. And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by the blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and nation," Revelation 4:9-11; 5:9, 10.

Glory, glory, glory! Come, all ye nations, and help me to worship Him. Let us bow down before the Lord, our Maker. Come, fair land of America. Let us praise Him, because He has so protected us that our homes are not destroyed by bombs and artillery fire. Come, Christians. Help me thank Him for the gift of His Son to this lost and dying world. Help me to thank Him for the Church, our good God-fearing ministers of the gospel, for our freedom of worship, and a thousand things that I do not have time to list. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!"

SOUND DOCTRINE

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14:39. "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, AND FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES." In the 18th verse of the same chapter Paul states, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all." He also states, "Would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues," 1 Corinthians 14:5. Why did Paul say that? Because "he that prophesieth edifieth the church," but "he that SPEAKETH IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE EDIFIETH HIMSELF." The same teachers will say that Paul said, "But if there be no interpreter, let them keep silence in the church." It is true that he said this, but this is only half of the truth, and not the whole truth. He said in the same verse, "LET HIM SPEAK UNTO HIMSELF, AND TO GOD." The thought is that when one rises to claim the attention of the congregation, he is to speak so that they may understand what he is saying. Otherwise, if he is speaking to an entire congregation, he is to have an interpreter to make known to them what he is saying. At the same time, if the Spirit moves upon him and he wants to speak unto God and himself, this is permissible, so Paul declares.

Not only are we actually Pentecostal people, but Paul actually called us the Church of God. He refers to the Church of God throughout the entire writings: 1 Corinthians 1:2; 10:32; 11:18, 22; 15:9; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:5, 15. He tells us what God put in His Church in 1 Corinthians 12:28, "And God set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." We see, according to this verse, God expects within His Church miracles, gifts of healings, and diversities of tongues. All of this I have seen in the Church of God. I have actually seen people healed who were completely blind. I have seen them healed of cancer in the last stage. I have also seen them healed of T. B. in the last stage. I have seen all kinds of signs and wonders, yes, in the Church.

GOVERNMENT

RIGHT IN THE MIDST

of all of these gifts God said, "I will place government." The Bible also says, in Hebrews 13:7, "Remember them that have the rule over you." Verse 17 says, "Obey them that have the rule over you." Also, in 1 Timothy 5:17, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor." There are those who say, "I am being led of the Spirit, therefore no man is going to tell me what to do." But the Bible clearly states that those who are not willing to SUBMIT THEMSELVES TO GOVERNMENT ARE WALKING AFTER THE FLESH, 2 Peter 2:10, "BUT CHIEFLY THEM THAT WALK AFTER THE FLESH IN THE LUST OFUNCLEANNESS, AND DESPISE GOVERNMENT." He also states in that same verse that they are self-willed and are not afraid to speak evil of dignities (which means the higher officers, or the overseers). What are these overseers supposed to do? They are to do what the apostle Paul said in Acts 20:28. They are to take the oversight of the Church and to feed the same.

Someone will say, "Is it not true that the overseers can go wrong?" Most certainly they can. But, if one does, judgment can be passed on him by the same government that God placed in His Church. There is not a single member, minister, or overseer in the Church of God that cannot be touched or brought to judgment. But, if one is leading a congregation as an individualist, or independent of government, there is no one to whom he must give an account. He may walk disorderly without being brought into judgment. Then, on the other hand, should he decease, the flock has nowhere to look for a pastor. While, in the Church of God, under Bible government, a new pastor, with the SAME EXPERIENCE AND THE SAME DOCTRINE, CAN BE HAD. The apostle Paul told the people on this momentous occasion, after having warned them, "I want you to watch and remember, that you be not led astray from these PRINCIPLES OF SOUND DOCTRINE AND GOVERNMENT." In the light of the Scripture, no man has the right as an individualist, or an independent, to ask anyone to send him his tithes. The tithes are to be paid into the treasury of the house of God, Nehemiah 13:10-12. 1 Timothy 3:15, "The house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

CHURCH TEACHES

WHAT DID the early Church teach? God's early Church taught that all men must repent, Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; they all must be born again, John 3:7. The Church taught regeneration, in Titus 3:5. The Church taught sanctification, in 1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 10:10; 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:23. The early Church taught that all could have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:37-39. God's early Church taught and practiced divine healing, James 5:13, 14. God's Church also taught and practiced a united collection taking, in 1 Corinthians 16:1. God's Church taught water baptism, Matthew 28:19.

The early Church also taught and practiced centralized government. We have an account, in the 15th chapter of Acts, beginning with the first verse, where certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved." In the second verse we are told that Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dis-

putation with them. Did they settle the argument among themselves on the field? No! We are told that they (Paul, Barnabas, and certain others of them) went up to Jerusalem (headquarters) unto the apostles and elders (supreme council) about this certain question. Continuing through the 15th chapter you will read the discussion that went on when they arrived at the headquarters church. At the end of this discussion we find James (who was moderator or overseer) saying, "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God," Acts 15:19. He also states in the 20th verse that they "write unto them." The 22d verse states that it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send out certain chosen men to carry the letter they were writing unto the brethren, which were the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia. We find that they did not settle the question in the local body, or congregation, but rather carried it to the apostles and elders.

To substantiate central government further, we find the apostle Paul stating, in 2 Corinthians 11:28, "Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, THE CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES." According to his statement here, all the churches were looking to the general overseer, or bishop, for help and guidance. 3 John 9, 10 speaks about remembering a certain individual, namely Diotrephes, who loved to have the pre-eminence among the brethren. He also states that this man had cast some out of the church. But John was very emphatic to state that when he came he would remember the deed which he had done. This points out very definitely that the Church did practice certain authority or government. Finally, Paul states, in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL

We should be encouraged greatly for the most wonderful way the Lord has blessed our Church. WE HAVE LIVED TO SEE THE DAY WHEN THE SUN NEVER CEASES TO SHINE ON THE CHURCH OF GOD. Besides all the thousands of churches here in the United States, the Church is represented in 54 different nations. I should like to exhort, therefore, that each MEMBER AND MINISTER REMAIN LOYAL TO THE CHURCH OF GOD AND TO THE DOCTRINE AND GOVERNMENT OF SAME. All monies are properly accounted for, and those who are in charge are endeavoring to distribute all monies properly and equally where it can be of best use toward evangelizing this lost and dying world, so that each and everyone can hear the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, through His wonderful Church economy.

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION

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you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandment we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour."

As the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleaneth us from all sin, so it is the shed blood that makes clean. As the offering up of the Gentiles is made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost, so the cleansing blood is applied by the Holy Ghost. The blood eradicates all sin; that is, destroys it thoroughly; exterminates it. Then we should know how to honor the working of the Holy Ghost, with the blood, to make our vessels holy and clean, and know how to keep our vessels clean, which requires knowledge and wisdom. "To know" sometimes means to approve of and take delight in. "Wisdom" has a meaning of dexterity in an art, skill.

PEACE, PEACE, WONDERFUL PEACE

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Chester Bedell, who is buried in the Hartzell Cemetery at North Benton, Ohio, was born in 1826 and died in 1908. On his plot of ground in the cemetery, this small-time infidel has a life-size statue of himself in bronze resting on a marble pedestal. In his heavenward lifted right hand he grips a scroll labeled "Universal Mental

Liberty." Under his left foot lays another scroll representing the Bible. He believed that finite and limited man found his Platonic ideal in meandering through the labyrinth of the dogmas and creeds of religion: therefore, the mind of man was fettered, shackled and chained to the taken-for-granted whipping post of theology. The intrinsic limitation he ascribed to man blinded his own eyes to the heavenly ideal, the Arbitrator who compensates for our lacking qualities, the Giver of true mental peace.

"A cynical, angry, and war-ravaged world last week lost its greatest apostle of peace and the brotherhood of man" were the words of a *Life* magazine reporter when Gandhi, the leader of India's untouchables, was assassinated. But the Old Testament evangelist, Isaiah, using his visions as a cosmic timetable to predict world events, parted the drapes of the centuries and called Christ the Prince of Peace. This Prince gave His peace to an intimate disciple family and told them to distribute it to the world. He told them to salute the houses they entered, and when the houses were worthy, let their peace come upon them. As Paul wrote to the church at Rome, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CURRENT OFFICE WORK OF PEACE

THERE IS LITTLE PEACE to be found in our modern Babylons with their cut-flower civilizations. We have steam-heated apartments, sex-heated novels, brick chasms filled with gasoline fumes, the tension of a moving belt in factories, unsettled workers migrating from one industrial center to another, marriage contracts being severed in divorce courts, fratricidal strife, the frenzied shadow of hunger, the grotesque disparities of poverty and loss, smog-infested skies, young people submerged in a sea of crime and the older people staggering like blind mules through life not knowing their own mind.

This peace can renovate the lives of those bleary-eyed, groggy-minded, foul-smelling, slaver-lipped, reeling and rocking, staggering and muttering ditch drunkards. It can change the outlook on life for those card-playing, dice-throwing, and pool-shooting gamblers. It can take the sight, smell, and thirst for human blood out of the eyes, nostrils, and systems of those cold-blooded murderers. It can make those breakers of the seventh commandment, those miserable human vampires who feed and fatten themselves upon the virtue of young womanhood, stay home with their families at night. This peace will take the stickiness off of the fingertips of the kleptomaniacs. Those human wrecks called dope feigns who are obsessed with the mad desire to get satisfaction regardless of price can be shocked awake by this peace and given an inner assurance of security that is eternal.

Over one-half of the hospital beds of America are occupied by people physically well and mentally sick. One out of every eighteen persons is doomed to visit a mental institution, as a patient, before dying. God, give us the peace that only Christ, Your Son, can give.

PEACE FOUND ONLY IN CHRIST

VAINLY, this world looks for peace. Isaiah said the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. He said further that there just is no peace to the wicked. Paul said that when they cry peace and safety to look out, sudden destruction is just around the corner. King Saul displeased and disobeyed God and became a victim of fearful, frightful, and moody mental depression.

The atonement chapter tells us the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." No wonder Paul shouted excitedly that He is our peace. The crazy, nude, wounded demoniac of Gadara was driven by demons into the tombs and the realm of mental hell. Eating raw and bloody flesh, screaming wild and blood-curdling yells, inflicting deep and ugly wounds upon himself, refusing to cut his hair or beard, this nude man lived like an animal. But when Jesus came his way, the people of the city found him sitting, clothed, shaved, and in his right mind at the feet of Jesus. Today's world will find peace only at the feet of Jesus. It takes the finger of the living God, dipped in the blood of Calvary, to write

peace on the mantle of a human soul.

The Statue of Liberty was conceived and designed by Frederic Bartholdi and paid for by popular contribution in Paris, France, in 1886. This Mother of Exiles is not just a mass of concrete, steel, and bronze, but it stands for the heart of all of America's millions. Inscribed on a bronze plate on this statue are these words:

"... send me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning to breathe free;
the wretched refuse of your teeming shores,
send those, the homeless, tempest tossed to me;
I lift my lamp by the golden door."

Christ is Christianity's "Mother of Exiles." Tired from the physical, mental, and spiritual strain of preaching, teaching, and healing, Jesus tells His disciples to launch forth to the other side of the lake. As they sail, He falls asleep. A storm arises. The black clouds begin to roll as lightning leaps from one end of heaven to the other. The wind howls and whistles through the deck of the small, sea-going craft and beats the waves into tempestuous fury. Thunder begins to utter its deep, gutteral tones. All hope is blasted from these disciples by the pounding storm. These drowning men grab for the last straw, Jesus. With striking calmness and an understanding countenance, He immediately collects His faculties from the soothed relief of slumber, eyes the situation, and takes over. Walking to the bow of the ship, He pauses for a moment. A streak of lightning leaps across the sky and sets fire to the heavens. Look! You can see Him! The wind is whipping His garments tightly about the front of His body. Another pause, He lifts His arms. Listen! He is about to say something! His lips are moving. The waves are clapping their hands in fiendish glee as they spit into the face of heaven. In spite of the storm, I believe I can hear Him. Listen! In the face of the oncoming, slaughtering storm He flings the bold, fearless challenge, "Peace be still." It happens! The sea folds its dripping arms and the storm ceases. He proved Himself to be Master of every stormy situation. Peace and calm reigned that day.

Friend, this same Jesus can speak peace to every trou-ble, trial, tribulation, temptation, and stormy situation

in your heart and home. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

CHURCH WORKERS AND BEAUTY CONTEST

The entry into a beauty contest, in order to seek a "Miss America" title, of Patricia Mary Hunt, twenty-year-old Wellesley College junior and a youth leader in the Wayne, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church, has touched off a controversy in the Philadelphia area. The girl has engaged in a mixture of activities, from winning the "Miss Greater Philadelphia" contest to teaching a children's Bible class. It is such unholy mixtures in which some young people indulge, with no sense of responsibility regarding the effects of their conduct, that create so much trouble. The history of many of these so-called "Miss Americas" is not worth writing about. We have felt, along with a host of others, that to call a girl who has cast aside all sense of modesty in order to parade her physique to the gaze of a vulgar crowd "Miss America" is to misrepresent and libel the millions of American girls who still hold that a woman's charms are too sacred to be sold to the highest bidder or offered on the altar of human lust and inordinate desire. A rapist captured in his awful deed on a dark street of the city gave as a reason for his crime, "The pictures of naked girls stirred me up." The degradation of girlhood is inevitable in their immodest exposure. They create the awful condition of rape in which thousands of girls and women are attacked. For a church girl to lend herself to immodest exhibitions is, to say the least, far from creditable, and to do it in competition is inexcusable. Editorial, *The Watchman-Examiner*.

COURT of PRAISE

LONG BEACH, Calif.—I praise the Lord for healing my body when I was suffering. I did not know the trouble, but I do know that Jesus healed me. I am so glad that with His stripes we are healed. He can meet all our needs if we will only look to Him.—Mrs. J. A. Stephenson.

AKRON, Ohio—I praise the Lord for healing my body of what the doctor said was a dislocated vertebra. I was reading in my *Evangel* about how the Lord was healing people, and I decided to ask God to heal me. I placed the *Evangel* on my back and prayed, and God healed me.—Mrs. June Pate.

WOODVILLE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me through life's journey and for what I know He will continue to do for me if I stay humble and do His will. I praise Him for healing me of a bad heart condition. I also praise Him for healing our little boy of polio. I want to ever be willing to do God's will and point others to the One who died that they might live.—Ruby B. Ditto.

BRUSHY RUN, W. Va.—I thank the Lord today for what He has done for me. He is really a Saviour to be proud of. I thank Him for healing me of stomach trouble when I was suffering so much, and also for the many other times He has healed my body. I thank Him for healing my little baby boy of a terrible sickness. I know that by His stripes we are enjoying good health today.—William M. Hoylman, Pastor.



We had the privilege of attending the youth fellowship held at the Church of God in Krehwinkel, Schornorf, Germany, on Easter Sunday. We had received a letter from Brother and Sister Herman Lauster inviting us to attend the service. We were thankful to be in a Church of God service, as it was the first we had been able to attend since being stationed here in Germany. When we entered the church we felt the presence

of God. We have never seen a church so crowded, with people of all ages praising God, shouting, dancing in the Spirit, and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Here we were on the other side of the world seeing people of a different nationality and language praising the same God and in the same manner as we do back in America. Brother Lauster and his family are doing a wonderful work. Souls are being blessed in Germany. Let's remember the Lausters in our prayers.—Pfc. and Mrs. H. H. Tippins.

In Memoriam

DOBBINS

On March 10, 1953, the death angel visited the home of I. W. Dobbins and claimed our sister in Christ, Sister Adie Dobbins. She was 77 years old and had been a member of the Church of God for 38 years. She was devoted to her church and was a great inspiration to all. She was a good neighbor and considerate of all with whom she came in contact. Our hearts are made sad over our loss, but we realize it is heaven's gain. Her family consisted of 5 boys and one girl, 5 grandchildren, one nephew, and a stepdaughter.—Paul E. Ratcliffe, Clerk, Radford, Va.

REVIVALS

MURRAYS CHAPEL, Ala.—We have just had a revival, with Brother J. W. Mosteller, one of our local ministers, in charge. He preached under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost every night. There were 20 saved, 17 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 added to the church, and a number to be baptized in water. God is still pouring out His blessings on us here.

Also, we thank God for our fine pastor, Rev. H. V. Johnson, and his family. He came here in August, 1952. On January 5, our parsonage burned, and Brother Johnson and his family lost everything they had in the fire. But the Lord was with them, and the good people here got to work and have completed a nice six-room parsonage and furnished it, and there is only a small amount of indebtedness on it. Our church has also progressed wonderfully in attendance and spiritual blessing. Brother and Sister Johnson are a blessing to all who come in contact with them and we love them. We are looking forward to one of the greatest years we have ever had.—T. E. Aberthney, Clerk.

MUSKEGON, Mich.—On February 8, our church started a series of revival meetings under the ministry of Sister Avo Brown and Sister Mildred Cole, of Detroit, Michigan, after the church and its good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Jackson, had been ardently praying for a great revival. God sent us one of the greatest revivals this church has ever experienced. There were 50 saved, 35 sanctified, 39 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the Church. The revival closed after eight weeks of God's blessing, and we were privileged to see many of the sick healed of various afflictions, such as cancer, heart trouble, rupture, ulcers, tumors, broken bones, etc. One woman who had a cancer on her face for five years was gloriously healed. A man who had a spinal affliction which a doctor said could not be cured was also healed. God is graciously using our good pastor in a special healing ministry.

We broke our Sunday School record during this revival. We, in Muskegon, praise God for the faithful workers in our church. Sister Holland, teacher of the Young Unmarried Girls' Class had the joy of seeing all 17 of the girls saved and filled with the Holy Ghost during the revival. Only a few of the girls had the Holy Ghost at the beginning of the revival.—Armeline N. Cousineau.

KELSO, Wash.—God is graciously blessing the Church of God in Kelso. We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, with Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Woodward

as evangelist. They proved a blessing to us, with Brother Woodward's stirring messages and their music and singing. There were 9 saved, 6 sanctified, and 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our church was represented by 16 delegates at the Northwest Youth Congress at Yakima, Wash. We have broken our Sunday School record for 2 Sundays in succession, with 99 on March 9 and 103 on April 5. We have our new church just about filled, before we have it finished. We give God the glory for it all. He is so good to us.—Ira J. Cruce, Pastor.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—God truly opened His storehouse of blessings on us during our 3 weeks' revival conducted by Sister Maxine Anderson. Two prayed through and received the Holy Ghost, and some 4 or 5 were saved. Sister Anderson preaches the Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. She was a blessing in the homes and community here. The Sunday School attendance also increased.—Mrs. T. L. Little.

CHILDEBURG, Ala.—We have had a wonderful three weeks' revival, and we praise the Lord for the way He blessed in our midst. Brother C. T. Douglas, our evangelist, really did stir our hearts. I am glad to report 23 saved, 13 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 14 added to the church. The Lord wonderfully supplied our needs during this revival, with an average of \$100 a week for the evangelist and \$100 in offerings for our pastor during the revival.—B. C. Mitchell.

GLENDALE, Ariz.—We have recently had the greatest revival the Glendale Church has ever had. There were 25 saved, 22 sanctified, 17 filled with the Holy Ghost, and up to the present time 7 have been added to the church. God has performed some great healings through our evangelist, Rev. George A. Peart, who conducted the revival. Many have seen and felt the mighty power of God, and the Church of God in Glendale has been revived. We should like to say that we now have a new Sunday School record of 180. Our evangelist and his family are in full-time evangelistic work and will go anywhere God sends them. We desire the prayers of the churches everywhere.—Pastor.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.—We have had the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God at Kings Mountain. There were 59 experiences; 21 came into the church. Five members who were to be disfellowshipped at the next conference were saved. The evangelist was Rev. Robert Hart. Brother and Sister Hart's singing had great effect on sinners and blessed the saints. Our Sunday School record was broken during the revival.—Glenn G. Easom, Pastor.

CALHOUN FALLS, S. C.—A revival began here March 15 and continued through April 5. There were 14 saved, 7 sanctified, and 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Sister Evelyn Scroggs was the evangelist, and she was a wonderful blessing to our church. Through

her dynamic preaching we enjoyed an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. Rev. Oscar Volkman is our pastor.—Mrs. Ruby Burdette, Reporter.

MOHEGAN, W. Va.—An outstanding healing service was conducted here Sunday, April 12, under the capable ministry of our good district overseer, Brother James Compton, a former Lee College student. The presence of the Holy Ghost prevailed throughout the service from the first prayer through to the benediction. The anointing was upon our brother, and a great message was brought forth, after which the healing prayer of faith was ministered. Many were set free from the forces of Satan which bound their bodies. A nice mission offering was received on the church quota. Brother Compton has blessed this district through special services such as this and also through a radio broadcast over Station WELC, Welch, W. Va., each Saturday morning at 9:05.—G. E. Bleyer, Pastor.

BONHAM, Texas—The 2 weeks' revival at the Church of God at Bonham, Texas, came to a close April 5. Rev. Joe Bailey was the evangelist. Many souls were under conviction and God's presence was manifest in a glorious way. Brother Bailey's messages were inspiring, and our pastor, Brother J. T. Melton, in his Spirit-filled way, made this revival one to be remembered in the souls of 67 people, both saints and sinners. We are on the move for God at Bonham, and Brother Bailey's ministry has given us strength, hope, and courage to press the battle on for God and His Church.—A. C. Shannon.

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—We have had a 3 weeks' revival, with Sister Mary Hampton, our youth director, as the evangelist. Twelve were saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost,

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and 12 added to the church. The revival spirit is still going. Two have received the Holy Ghost since the revival closed.—George Ingram, Pastor.

MORTON, Miss.—We had a 2 weeks' salvation-healing revival which was the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit and power that Scott County has ever witnessed. God met with us night after night in a wonderful way. The sick and afflicted were delivered in the name of Jesus Christ. Cancers were healed by the power of God; the blinded eyes were made to see; deaf ears were unstopped. Many people received deliverance for their bodies while standing in the audience. Many were delivered of heart trouble, kidney trouble, ulcerated stomach, anemia, leukemia, and many other diseases. Sister Bentley brought the message of Bible deliverance for soul and body each night under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. The hearts of all the people of God were stirred as never before. Sinners and backsliders wept their way back to God. The altars were filled night after night with people crying out to God and weeping their way through to old time Holy Ghost salvation. God's people have been spiritually awakened and strengthened, and our faith in God has increased. There were 94 saved, 30 sanctified, 39 filled with the Holy Ghost and 7 added to the church, with expectation of more members later. Sister Bentley is a consecrated child of God. We recommend her as an evangelist to any church.—T. H. Pugh, pastor.

WASHINGTON, N. C.—We are happy to report the good revival God gave us at Allgood. Eight were saved, 4 sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. Sister A. N. Medlin, of Belmont, N. C., was our evangelist. God blessed her wonderfully each night. A number were healed. The mighty power and presence of the Holy Ghost was present to convict sinners and backsliders. Sister Medlin was certainly a blessing to our church. Pray for us.—Ray Lofitis, Pastor.

GRAPEFIELD, Va.—We can say from the depths of our hearts that we truly enjoyed a revival held at our church recently. Rev. J. B. Jennings was the evangelist, and he was surely a blessing to our church. Three received the Holy Ghost and several are still seeking for the blessing.—Linnie Looney, Clerk.

MOBILE, Ala.—We have had a wonderful revival, and the Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. There were a great number of healings, and the power of God was manifested in every service. Eight were saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Ky., was our evangelist. Brother Dagnan did some fine preaching every night under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. God is surely blessing us here. Our pastor is Brother D. L. Barrett.—Reporter.

MONTICELLO, Fla.—We are glad to

report what has been undoubtedly one of our greatest revivals. It was our youth revival, and we had two of the finest youth evangelists, of Portland, Ore., Betty Ann Craughan and Joan Ashby, now working in youth revivals in the State of Florida. During the 4 weeks' meeting, 24 were saved, 15 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 18 added to the church. I know you join with us in praising God for His great visitation.—W. F. Hudson, Pastor.

SHORT MT., Tenn.—We have just had a wonderful revival, with Rev. Robert L. Higgins, of Manchester, as the evangelist. He did some old-time, Holy Ghost preaching. One was saved, one sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, two received instant healing, and several others were touched and wonderfully blessed, for which we give God the praise and honor. Our

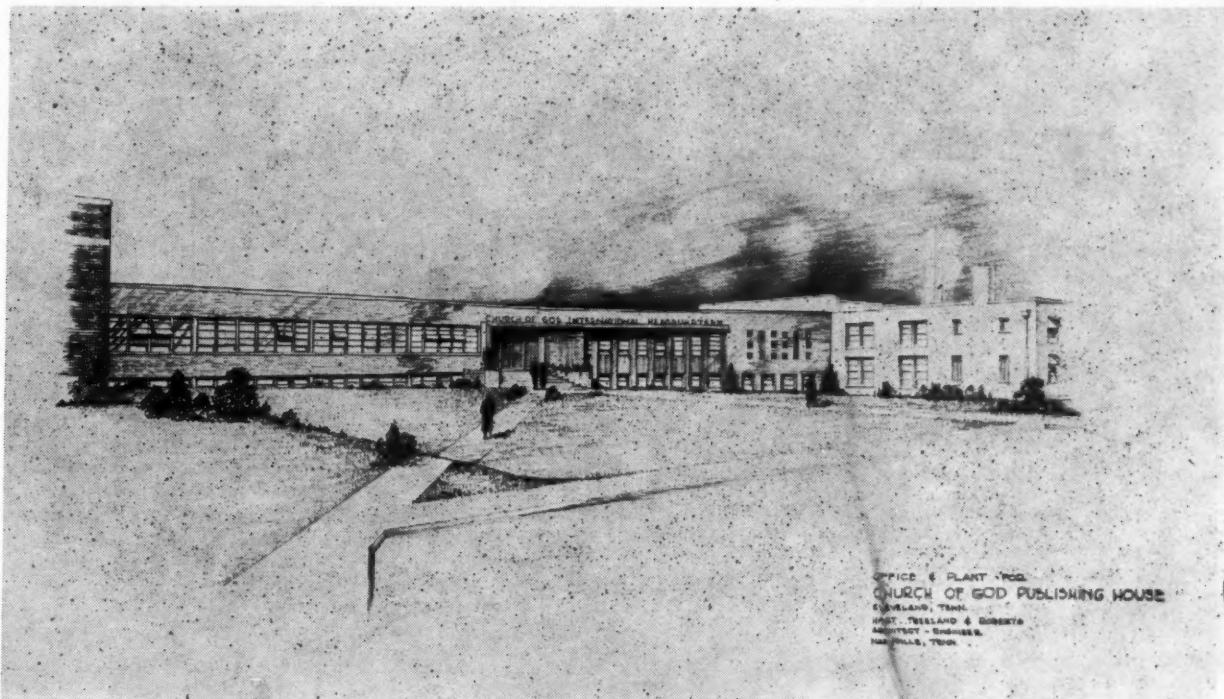
pastor is Brother John Eaton.—Mrs. Lauzetta Vickers, Clerk.

ENNIS, W. Va.—The Church of God at Ennis reports one of the best revivals the church has ever known. During the month of March, Brother and Sister G. C. Evoy, of Dunfordtown, Va., came to our church for a revival. It lasted about 3 weeks. Brother Evoy did some wonderful preaching, and their singing was a great inspiration. The Lord met with us in a great way every night. Twenty-five were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. The church was greatly blessed by the revival. We also appreciate our good pastor, Brother C. C. Blevins, and his wife. There have been 14 added to the church since he came here to pastor. He has been a great blessing to our church, and we thank God for the way our church is progressing.—Lucy Spinella, Reporter.

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We immediately employed an architect to draw up plans and specifications for the new plant. The contract has been let for a new, modern, up-to-date plant.

The Council had to take into consideration the fact that the Church had almost doubled its membership in the last six or eight years and that the church value of the organization was approximately four times larger than it was six years ago. With all that in mind, it was agreed that we should build this year.

WARNS AGAINST COMIC BOOKS

BOSTON (EP) Comic books "paralyze the spiritual, slow down the mental, and whip the physical into a frenzy," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, of Boston, said here. He urged parents who consider such publications harmless to "examine their conscience." The Archbishop said that a "constant after-school diet of comic books will bog the children down into mental wrecks," and added that "even those not morally objectionable are respon-

sible for unhealthy stimulus."

Only about 30 per cent of the comics make any pretense at being funny, he said, and their appeal is based on "crime, sex, terror, adventure, etc., sold on sensational covers that appeal to those looking for the shock treatment." Some 80 per cent of the 7,000,000 comics sold are "bought by children in cultural and critical stages of their development," Archbishop Cushing said. He declared that there are 340 different comic books on the

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